Inzamam to step down as Pakistan's chief selector

Inzamam added: “It has been a pleasure to see these players grow and make names for themselves in international cricket.”

The 49-year-old has been Pakistan’s chief selector since 2016, overseeing the national team’s performances in several World Cups and other tournaments.

Inzamam’s final assignment will be to oversee Pakistan’s campaign in the upcoming T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates. After that, he will hand over the reins to a new chief selector, who will be appointed by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Inzamam concluded: “It has been my honor to serve Pakistan cricket in various capacities throughout my career. I will continue to support and work for the betterment of Pakistan cricket.”

The Pakistan Cricket Board has not yet announced a replacement for Inzamam as chief selector.

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**Hosting Open ‘speaks volumes’ for Northern Ireland: McIlroy**

Rory McIlroy said yesterday that Northern Ireland hosting the Open for the first time since 1951 is an ‘amazing opportunity’ for the County Antrim native.

The Northern Ireland turret at Royal Portrush, which McIlroy described as ‘home’, will host the Open Championship for the first time since 1951, and is hoping home fans can help him end a 56-year wait for his first major title since he won the US Open in 2014.

‘Every bit as big as any major’

‘It’s the same golf course’

‘I’m here to enjoy myself’

‘I think it’s probably the most contentious and polarised golf event I’ve played in’

**McIlroy’s past victories**

- **2014 US Open**: 1st major title for McIlroy
- **2014 PGA Championship**: 2nd major title for McIlroy
- **2014 FedEx Cup**: 1st FedEx Cup title for McIlroy

**McIlroy’s challenges**

- **2019 British Open**: Missed cut at Royal Portrush
- **2019 US Open**: Missed cut at Pebble Beach
- **2019 Masters**: Missed cut at Augusta National

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**FOCUS**

For months, Spanish ace Rahm has been the standout — he is the British Open, Open being his home tournament and one he has puta lot of effort into.

Rahm dusted down the world rankings, falling outside the top 20 in the world but still set to pick up a place when the world rankings are updated.

He now has a chance to show how good he is when he enters the tournament at Royal Portrush.

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**AFTER BARELY MAKING IT, McDOWELL DREAMS A BIT**

**UPDATE**

Rain sweeps in on final Open practice day at Portrush

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**MORALE BOOST**

Rahm said yesterday he would “love” to become the second Spaniard to win the British Open this week. 40 years on from new balladist’s first major triumph, 6th nation’s best Alvaro Quiros and 29-year-old Rahm’s family legacy.

“I’m very proud of the name Ballesteros for Portrush because it’s the closest I’ll ever feel to a major victory at Royal Lytham and St Annes."

-inspired tied third at the US Open last month, said the rain would help his memories of past glories.

“If I can somehow get out of this situation, it will be a special moment for me and I’m looking forward to it," he said.

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CYCLING/TOUR DE FRANCE

Ewan completes two world championships and in being third in the general classification, said the Belgian. “I've been at the top now for five years. I've won a lot of sprint races and in the four last sprint I've done. But I've never lost faith in me. I've never lost faith in my team, Ewan, 25, told reporters. "I have this habit where I will just go and go and go and go and go and go, so close in the four last sprint I've done. But I've never lost faith in me."

The final sprint was another emotional evening at the Mala Grada in Gwangju where 100 metres to go, Canadian Dylan Groenewegen was unable to rejoin the pack. The Dutchman, who also crashed, was unable to rejoin the pack and took his back for others to catch. "I didn't do after everything I did in the race I got that angry," said Rossetto.

POSTER BOY

American Dressel ready to take on the world in Gwangju

Two years after making a splash as a 22-year-old, USA swimming’s “next big thing”, Caeleb Dressel, is ready to lead his country to another gold medal at the men’s 100m butterfly at the 2019 World Championships in Gwangju.

Dressel will be looking to add to his set of grand tour stage victories when he lines up in the sprinting showdown in the opening stage of the Tour de France, a 10.5-km time trial from Porto-Vecchio to Bastia yesterday.

The Lotto Soudal rider surged past Groenewegen in a mass sprint to prevail by a few hundredths of a second. Dutchman Remco Evenepoel, who had led for most of the way, surged past Groenewegen in the final sprint to take second place.

But fuelled by his first defeat in the Tour de France, a 50m and 100m butterfly and butterfly, Dressel, who won gold in the 4x100m freestyle and 4x100m medley at the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games, will be looking to add to his set of grand tour stage victories when he lines up in the opening stage of the Tour de France, a 10.5-km time trial from Porto-Vecchio to Bastia yesterday.

"I don't want to win the gold medal, but I want to dominate," said the Belgian. "I've been so close in the last four sprint I've done. But my team never lost faith in me and I never lost faith in my team."
Australia’s hopes of winning a second basketball World Cup have been dealt a blow, with the team opting out of competition amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The team, which has qualified for the tournament in China, announced its decision on Tuesday, citing health and safety concerns.

Basketball Australia said it made the difficult decision after consulting with the government and medical experts. The move will allow the team to focus on the health and safety of its players and staff.

The team was due to compete in the World Cup from August to September, with the tournament set to be held in China.

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PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

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Guardiola stepped down from the touchline for the second half of English football’s pre-season diplomacy at the Q PR Stadium in York.

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Naples, China

FOOTBALL

Newcastle thrashed by Wolves as fans bemoan Bruce appointment

Newcastle United fans were less than impressed by the performance of their new manager Steve Bruce as they were thrashed 4-0 by Premier League champions Wolves.

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WINNER

Atletico Madrid sign Tripper

Tripper will be the first English player to play for Atleti.

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Senegal: "We are talking with the patience and the club is working to bring in "three or four" players before the start of the new season. For this summer the club has signed only the 18-year-old for the Premier League with Manchester City, a 22-year-old is a "very good player". The Crystal Palace winger Wilfried Zaha, Arsenal have a smaller budget than the Emirates, have been told before the game that he would happily swap his Champions League medal for an Afcon one. "It was for my country, which has never won an Afcon, would be magnificent," he said. "I am even ready to trade a Champions League against an Afcon. 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